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8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6th Annual Conference on Social Work in the Global Environment - Evaluation Report



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11/17/2017

Academic Forum
Kutztown University of
Pennsylvania

Event Summary

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Event Name

Annual Conference on
Social Work in the
Global Environment

Theme

"How do we build a fair, just,
and peaceful world? Local
efforts with global
implications"

Date

Friday, November 17, 2017
from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Venue

McFarland Student Union at
Kutztown University of
Pennsylvania

Number of Attendees

380

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*How do we build a fair, just, and
peaceful world? Local efforts with
global implications*



Overview

The 6th Annual
Conference on Social Work
in the Global Environment
was held on Friday
November 17, 2017 from 8
a.m. to 4 p.m. in the
McFarland Student Union,
at Kutztown University of
Pennsylvania. The aim of
the Social Work in the
Global Environment
Conference is to contribute
to the local-global
perspectives in social work,
utilizing the strategy:
Thinking globally and
acting locally. The theme
for the 2017 conference was
"How do we build a fair,
just, and peaceful world?
Local efforts with global
implications"

The conference program
focused on globalization,
industrialization,
environmental injustice and
racism and judicial recourse,
grassroots environmentalism,
global conflicts, and local-
global responses in building
ecological and
environmental literacy.



The conference featured an
invited keynote speaker
from Moravian Academy

and ten juried paper presentations by faculty and students from Kutztown University and Rutgers University.



In attendance at the conference were participants from our local communities, faculty and students from Rutgers University.



Of the 380 attendees, 33 completed and returned the conference evaluation questionnaire. Out of the 33 respondents 11 were graduate students, 4 were undergraduate students, 11 were faculty members and 7 were others.

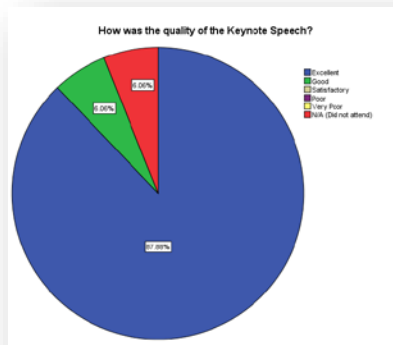


Approximately 78.79% of the respondents were Social

Work Major and 18.18% were from other majors and the remaining 3.03% did not respond.

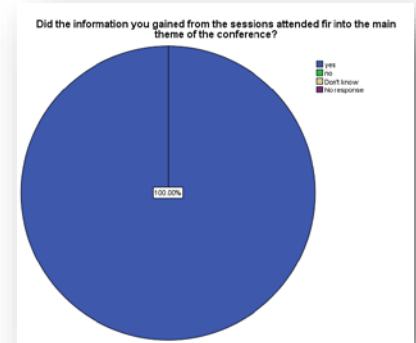


Over half (63.6%) of the respondents heard about the conference from their course instructors and via KU email announcement.

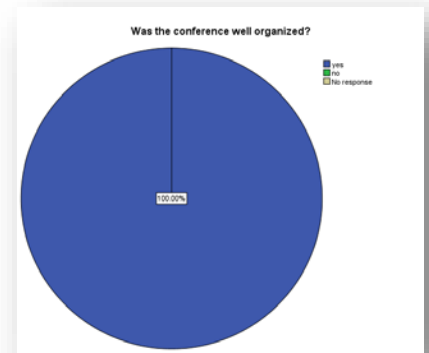


The results indicated that that over 93.94% of the respondents rated the keynote speech as excellent or very good and noted that the speaker was knowledgeable about the theme of the conference; 90.91% of the respondents indicated that the discussion held after the keynote speech was satisfactory; 100% of the respondent indicated that the information gained from the

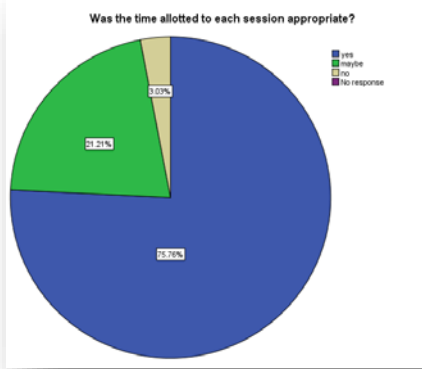
sessions was congruent to the main theme of the conference;



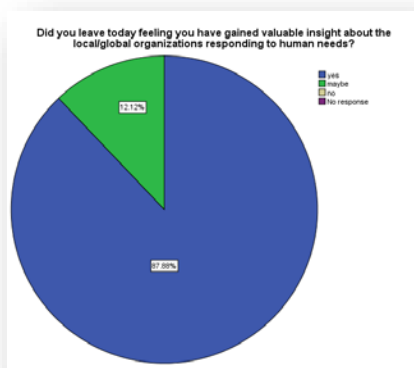
100% of the respondents rated the conference as well organized;



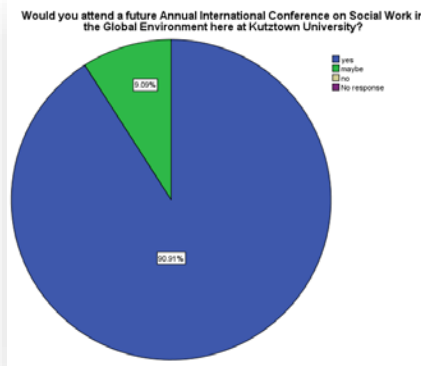
87.88% of the respondents rated the presentation sessions offered at the conference as excellent or very good while 6.06% rated it as satisfactory. Finally, 75.76 % of the respondents indicated that the time allotted for each session was appropriate.



The results further indicated that 87.88% of the respondents gained gain awareness and understanding of the local/global organizations



responding to human needs after attending the conference. Asked if they would attend and/or recommend future conference to others,



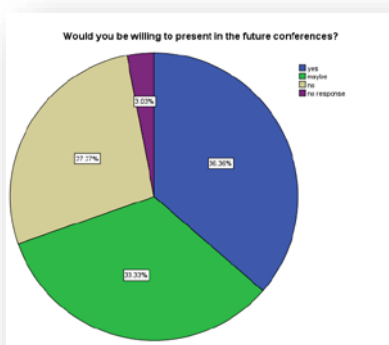
90.91% of the respondents

indicated that they would attend a future Annual Conference on Social Work in the Global Environment at KU and would recommend others to attend the conference. In terms of their involvement, 36.36% of the respondents indicated that they would be willing to present in future conferences; 33.33% indicated that they might present in the future conference and the 27.27% indicated that they would not present in future conference. Some of the items drawn from the qualitative responses are reported below. Overall this was a successful conference.

Some of the themes drawn from the qualitative result with regards to the suggestion of topic for the future conference are as follows.

Themes: Sex trafficking, medication dependence, trauma, behavioral health, substance abuse, human sexuality, disabilities in the global environment, media, education, poverty, culture, homelessness, incarceration, food insecurity, education inequality, homeland security, taking action against social issues, modern day slavery Social Justice Issue of Human Trafficking,

Needs: Better evaluation return rate



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Moravian Academy

The Changing Times: A Social Work Call to Action

Dr. Stephen Stoeffler, Kutztown University

Family Homelessness, A Need for Innovative Solutions

Diane Joy Irish, LSW, Doctoral Candidate, Kutztown/Millersville University

Building a Fair, Just, and Peaceful World: A Push to

Dismantle Unreconciled Remnants of Slavery and Racism
Hanif M. Bey, Doctoral Candidate, Kutztown/Millersville University

Rutgers School of Social Work Initiative in Integrating Environmental Justice to Social Work Curriculum: Examining Theoretical Underpinnings
Christine Morales, LCSW and Mariann Bischoff, MSW, LCSW

Social Work in the Era of Climate Change
Michael Wright, LSW

Countering the Commodification Paradigm in Food Provision Systems
Courtney Newcomer, Kutztown University

2017 Presenters

Building a Better World” Using Technology and Social Entrepreneurship. Keynote address, Neil Deshmukh, Co-Founder at Vocal Eyes,

Acknowledging the Dangers of Labeling in our Public School System: A Need for Mandated Social Justice Training for Stakeholders
Lisa Houser, MME, Doctoral Candidate, Kutztown University

Community Assessment of Racial Equality Efforts in Bucks County, PA
Daniel Goldsman, Kutztown University

Creating Safe Spaces for the Discussion of Social Justice

Join us for the 7th Annual Conference on Social Work in the Global Environment:

How do we build a fair, just, and peaceful world? Local efforts with global implications.

November 2, 2018

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Call for proposals now open:

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Issues Through the Arts
Daniel Equisquiza, Barrio
Alegria, Reading, PA

*Toward a Fair, Just, and
Peaceful Global Community:
Panel Discussion on Visions and
Actions from Multinational
Perspectives*
Uttam Paudel, Atajan Abdyey,
and Skiye Ding, Kutztown
University

Moderator, Dr. Edward Hanna,
Kutztown University

